



Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary and Pre School
School Lane, Upton-upon-Severn, WR8 0LD

Headteacher
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UPDATE LETTER - 17th MARCH 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following my email update yesterday you will be aware that the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed. I have spoken to all the children in their classrooms today to ensure there is no worry amongst them whilst they are here. My aim is to give as much support as possible to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

As you know I have been sending you regular updates on the situation and we have been doing our best within the school to mitigate the risk to our community.

I am aware that the coronavirus outbreak is causing anxiety and I want to say how much I appreciate all you are doing to support the school from a parental perspective. I want to reassure you that we are doing our best to ensure your children are all protected as much as is possible. We started hand gelling on Tuesday 3rd March, social distancing on Friday 13th March and staggered start and end of the school day on Monday 16th March. We are taking many measures to try and keep our school environment as safe as is practically possible. We have purchased two new steam cleaners and have ample supplies of antibacterial spray.

We are continuing with the after school activities for this week but this will be the last week as per the original plan.

However the guidance we sent out last night needs to be followed:

Self-isolation measures: Anyone with symptoms is now being urged to self-isolate for 14 days, rather than 7 days as it was before. Anyone who lives with someone with symptoms should also self-isolate for 14 days.

Whilst schools will remain open they made it clear that as part of the measures, **anyone living in a household with somebody who has either a persistent cough or fever must now also isolate themselves for 14 days. If your child has displayed these symptoms but is feeling better please be advised that the 14 day isoalation period must still be adhered to.**

Please note it no longer states a new cough but a persistent cough. Please contact school asap to inform us if this impacts your family.

What happens if the school has to close?

We will only close if we are either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In the event of a school closure we will alert you via the normal text service in the same way as for a snow closure. It will also be put onto the website and the local authority grid for school closure.

We have planned a very special whole school project which we worked on during last week. This project is entitled 'A new festival is coming to Upton.' This is a project that supports your child's learning in many key aspects and is designed to be an in-depth topic which would be brought back to school after the closure. It would be an aspirational target to try and make this really happen and so if we can get the ideas for the new festival in Upton, we could potentially hold it!

'Anything is Possible We can all succeed'

Each class teacher has adapted the idea of the upton festival and we have also got other work set for implementation of the school closure. The reception and Nursery class in addition to the festival project will also have challenges to be done and recorded on tapestry and we are currently setting up an online portal for the other classes. Further information on this will follow.

We are sending paper packs for home learning today to ensure that you have the packs ready in the event of school closure.

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Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. **There are currently no plans to close. These packs are not to be used whilst school remains open.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS:

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

Thank you for your continued support in protecting our school community.

Yours sincerely,



Julie Wills
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